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News Release

Durham Police Department

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Durham Police Investigate Assault

Durham police are investigating an assault that happened Wednesday evening on the American Tobacco Trail near Apex Street.

A female told officers she was walking on the trail around 6 p.m. when a male passed her, turned around and started walking behind her. The male followed her for approximately a quarter mile before he jumped on her from behind and knocked her to the ground. The two struggled on the ground until a passing bicyclist scared the suspect away.

The suspect was described as a black male, 25 to 35 years old, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet 2 inches tall with a stocky build. He was wearing all black clothing.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt. Hunter at (919) 560-4440, ext. 29318 or CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.

The Durham Police Department offers the following crime prevention tips:

- Call 911 to report any suspicious activity. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Walk in well-lit areas that are not isolated
- Do not walk alone at night
- Be aware of your surroundings
- When walking, avoid strangers or groups of strangers
- If you are being followed, get away fast, change directions, and head towards a safe location
- Carry a personal alarm with you to deter potential attackers